

Mayor's Report
11 April 2022 – 16 April 2022
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******* Final Notice! *******



Free trees and shrubs. If you have ever visited our yard, then you can tell that Becky and I like trees and shrubs. So much so that our yard might border on the wild side (my opinion, only). Either way, the birds and pollinators seem to like it. Many of our plants originated as small bare root starts that we purchased through the Utah Association of Conservation Districts. To honor Nibley as a Tree City USA, and to thank the citizens of Nibley for welcoming us as part of the community, Becky and I are donating trees and shrubs for you to plant in your yards. We purchased 120 bare root starts and we will give them away at **6:00 pm on 25 April 2022 at Nibley City Hall**. To give more people a chance, we will ask each family to start with two plants for the first half hour, and then increase the limit until everything finds a good home. See you there! Please call or text Becky (435-757-6283) or me (435-512-7495) if you have questions.

Here are the type of bare root starts available.

- Peach Leaf Willow
- Golden Currant
- Nanking Cherry
- Red Splendor Crabapple
- Red Osier Dogwood

Most of the things I worked on this week are updates on items I mentioned in previous reports. I hope you don't get tired of hearing about incremental progress. Here is an indication to what's going on in Nibley City governance.

- Nibley HOPstacle
- Malouf Community Redevelopment Area
- US-89/91: 2600 S Traffic Light
- Trash collection
- Council of Government
- Planning Commission
- LED Street Lights

Rather than type full names and titles throughout this report, I use these references.

Justin	Justin Maughan, City Manager
Darren	Darren Farar, Engineer
Levi	Levi Robers, Planner
Cheryl	Cheryl Bodily, Recorder

HOPstale. Chad Wright, Nibley Recreation Director, and crew put on a great Easter event for Nibley kids and adults with obstacle courses, a 1-mile run, and a 5k run last Saturday. Among the many volunteers, I helped organize the kids to find their various starting locations for the obstacle courses. It was a blast. Great job, Recreation Crew! These are the things that make us proud to live in Nibley.



MALOUF

Malouf Companies Community Redevelopment Agency.

This is state-sponsored program with local support that incentivizes commercial development in Utah. In addition to State incentives, it earmarks a percentage of property tax made possible by the development to build infrastructure in the project area. This week's effort involved details related to the shared use between the Malouf Companies and Nibley City of trails and recreation space on the Malouf property. I spoke with each Councilmember to better understand their expectations when they kicked off this effort a couple of years ago. We are looking forward to having a draft of the Agreement to show the Council.



2600 S Traffic Light. I hope you don't get tired of hearing about getting traffic lights installed on US-89/91. The March 21st-26th Status Report described our efforts to get a private road open to the public at 2600 S that was constructed by the landowner. Opening this road will set in motion a UDOT process that leads to a traffic light. Opening the road at this point is outside our usual process because the landowner would like Nibley City to take ownership of the road before it is fully completed with curb, gutter, sidewalk, and landscaping. The risk of taking ownership of a partially completed road is that Nibley citizens could get "stuck" with finishing it. This week I worked with our City Attorney on an agreement that aims to get 2600 S open and still ensure the road will be fully completed before Nibley accepts the final dedication.

Trash Collection. I met with the other mayors in the county, along with the County Executive, to prepare putting out a Requestion for Proposal (RFP) for a private company to collect trash outside of Logan City. You may recall that Logan has notified us that they will not renew the contract for trash collection outside of Logan. Using a private company for this service is a short-term solution, and we are working on long-term ideas as well.



Council of Governments (COG). The Council of Governments is the part of the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization that awards a voter-approved local sales tax for transportation projects in Cache County. All the mayors in the county are members of the COG, and we met to hear the status of currently funded projects. Those reports included a presentation from Darren Farer, our City Engineer, on the 3200 S

roundabout. That project is nearing completion, preceded by some road closures on 3200 S that have been advertised in advance. With cooperative weather, we could have the new roundabout open by the first of June! In addition to the 3200 S roundabout that was largely funded by COG funds, Nibley will be applying for funding during the next cycle to help complete 1200 W.



LED Streetlights. Justin let me tag along to a meeting with Rocky Mountain Power where we talked about possibility replacing Nibley streetlights with LED fixtures. I am an electrical engineer at my day job, and it's fun when I get to combine that day job with Nibley City work. Talking about Watts, lumens, and color temperature – those are great discussions for a mayor. I was surprised at how short the payback period would be, including installation, if we decide to make the change to LEDs. Our break-even point is at 4.5 years.

After that, we would save around \$20k on electrical costs each year. We will be talking more about this possibility after we have a chance to see the actual fixtures.

Planning Commission. I mentioned last week some important proposals (rezones and ordinance changes) up for recommendation by the Planning Commission. I attended their meeting to better prepare – including hearing public comment – for when those proposals come to the City Council on April 28. You can get details on the Planning Commission meeting now, as well as the information packet for the Council meeting by April 26 from the Government tab at our website (nibleycity.com).

You are my boss. Thanks for reading this report. Please call, text, or email.

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